

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 48**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**

June 18, 2014

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48—Relative to federal memorials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 48, as introduced, Rodriguez. Federal memorials: emergency medical services.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial in the District of Columbia.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Emergency medical service providers stand on the  
2 country’s first line of defense in the prevention and mitigation of  
3 harm from terrorist attacks, man-made incidents, and natural  
4 disasters; and

5 WHEREAS, The men and women of emergency medical  
6 services serve in both the public and private sectors as career and  
7 volunteer emergency medical service providers, maintaining the  
8 domestic tranquility, safety, and security of the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, 850,000 men and women of emergency  
10 medical services across the country answer more than 30 million  
11 calls to serve 22 million patients in need of pre-hospital care and  
12 comfort at a moment’s notice and without reservation; and

13 WHEREAS, Statistics compiled by the United States Department  
14 of Labor and the National Highway Safety Administration indicate

1 that emergency medical service providers die in the line of duty  
2 at a rate more than twice the national average for all occupational  
3 fatalities and seven times higher from violence than all other health  
4 care workers in service to the country; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Emergency Medical Services  
6 Memorial Foundation, established in 2007, seeks to give these  
7 silent heroes a fitting memorial and their loved ones, coworkers,  
8 and counterparts a permanent place to remember those the country  
9 has lost; and

10 WHEREAS, Legislation was introduced in the House of  
11 Representatives on May 20, 2014, to authorize the National  
12 Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish  
13 the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial as a  
14 commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia  
15 or its environs; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
17 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
18 hereby memorializes the President and Congress of the United  
19 States to enact legislation to authorize the National Emergency  
20 Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish the National  
21 Emergency Medical Services Memorial, honoring the commitment  
22 and ultimate sacrifice of emergency medical service providers;  
23 and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
26 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
27 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
28 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
29 States.